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The monthly handicap Challenge Cup Competition of the Rifle Association took place this afternoon, when the Cup and a money prize of \$6 were won for the second time by Mr. John Hooper, with a score of 73. Mr. John Andrew and Mr. C. Ford were second and third with a score of 69 each. There were 30 entries.

The following extract from a Home paper may be useful to the members of the newly-formed Literary Society:—In a letter to a friend Mr. John Bright writes as follows on the subject of preparation for public speaking:—"As to modes of preparation for speaking, it seems to me that every man would do well to consider his own mind. To write speeches and then to commit them to memory is, as you term it, a double slavery, which I could not bear. To speak without preparation, especially on great and solemn topics, is rashness, and cannot be recommended. When I intend to speak on anything that seems to me important, I consider what it is that I wish to impress upon my audience. I do not write my facts or arguments, but make notes on two or three or four slips of paper, giving the line of argument and the facts as they occur to my mind. I then leave the words to come of themselves. I am speaking. There are occasionally short passages which for accuracy I may write down, as sometimes almost nominally—the concluding words or sentences may be written. This is very nearly all I can say on this question. The advantages of this method are that it leaves a certain and sufficient freedom to the speaker, it keeps him within the main lines of the original plan upon which the speech was framed, and what he says, therefore, is more likely to be compact, and not wandering and confused. . . . Though I have never made a speech, I have been qualified to teach even what I have practised with some show of success."

The travelling correspondent of the *Pail Mail Gazette* writes:—Is there any reason for this sudden apparition of a Japanese in arms? I have heard that in Korea there have been already misunderstandings of a threatening character, which the question of Chinese immigration—which Japan will have to face as other nations have done as soon as Treaty Revision comes up again for settlement—looks up unpleasantly. Moreover, Japanese soldiers have been seen in Korea, and they desire to be in a position when that day comes to preserve the neutrality of Japan, or if necessary, to offer an alliance to England, or the United States or Russia, or China, as may best suit them, that will enable for the future to have the Pacific for the Pacific is destined, they know to be the theatre of great events not very far off, and the Japanese alliance will be the key of the Pacific. It is hardly needful to add that the necessity for an alliance is far more probable to Japan than the option of neutrality. That Japan may have been so far from the attention of European and American statesmen at this moment.

CRICKET.

CLUB V. GARRISON.

This match was commenced yesterday and finished this morning, the result being an easy victory for the Club. The Club batted first and scored 136, in which total were included the following scores:—L. C. Barr 37 (not out), C. Platt 32, F. Maitland 27, E. J. Coxon 23, and T. Sercombe-Smith 19. The bowling of the Garrison was ineffective, the first five wickets were changed. Johnstone had three of the wickets, but they cost 54 runs. The Garrison's total for the first innings was 103, to which the largest contribution was Lloyd's 26. F. H. O. Wilson and E. J. Coxon bowled for the Club all through, the innings, the former taking five wickets for 59 runs and the latter four for 40. In their second innings the Garrison were disposed of for 99, Major Churchill contributing 32, C. E. Johnston 21, and E. M. Blair 20. C. S. Barr took five wickets for 23 runs, and E. J. Coxon for 36. The Club had to make seven on their second innings in order to win, which they did without the loss of a wicket, H. F. O. Wilson getting five runs, and two bats making up the requisite number. The following are the scores:—

CLUB V. GARRISON.	
F. H. O. Wilson, b. Sercombe-Smith, 13	19
Dr. Sprague, b. Sercombe-Smith, 10	19
T. B. Smith, b. Sercombe-Smith, 19	19
F. H. O. Wilson, b. Sercombe-Smith, 13	19
F. Maitland, a. Lloyd, b. Blair, 27	27
F. T. Coxon, run out, 23	23
C. Platt, b. Sercombe-Smith, 32	32
R. D. Davies, b. Blair, 8	8
L. C. Barr, not out, 37	37
C. Platt, a. Lloyd, 32	32
J. Zouché, b. Sercombe-Smith, 6	6
Extras, 8	8
Total, 196	196

GARRISON V. EXETER.	
Major Churchill, b. Barr, b. Coxon, 14	14
C. E. Higginbottom, b. Blair, 11	11
Major Johnston, a. b. Blair, b. Wilson, 16	16
M. Blair, a. r. C. Platt, b. Wilson, 11	11
C. Platt, b. Sercombe-Smith, 32	32
A. Lloyd, 58th, not out, 26	26
H. Johnston, 58th, b. Wilson, 6	6
Major Miles, a. b. Blair, 11	11
H. D. Hewings, a. b. Coxon, 7	7
C. E. Smith, 58th, b. Wilson, 11	11
E. O. Smith, 58th, b. Wilson, b. Coxon, 5	5
Extras, 8	8
Total, 103	103

